

# Grover E. (Grover Elmer) Murray:

## A Preliminary Inventory of His Postcard Photography Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Murray, Grover E. (Grover Elmer), 1916-2003
<b>Title:</b>	Grover E. (Grover Elmer) Murray Postcard Photography Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	circa 1910-1960 (bulk 1950s)
<b>Extent:</b>	1,415 items (2 card boxes) (1.3 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	1,415 items (1,401 photographic, photolithographic and photomechanical postcards; 8 souvenir booklets; 5 packets of black-and-white photographs; and 1 packet of photographic reproductions) collected by Dr. Grover E. Murray, noted geologist and President of Texas Tech University.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Photography Collection PH-02027
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## **Administrative Information**

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## Scope and Contents

Dr. Grover E. Murray was a noted geologist who began his career in the oil industry. He was a professor of geology at Louisiana State University from 1948 to 1966, and served as president of Texas Tech University from 1966 to 1976. This collection consists of 1,415 items (1,401 photographic, photolithographic and photomechanical postcards; 8 souvenir booklets; 5 packets of black-and-white photographs; and 1 packet of photographic reproductions) collected by Murray.

The bulk of the postcards are from European countries, specifically England, France, and Spain, and vary in subject from architecture to landscapes, genre scenes to art reproductions. Based on the items bearing postmarks, they date from the 1910s to the 1960s, the bulk from the 1950s. In keeping with Murray's organizational scheme, the postcards are filed alphabetically by country, and Canadian postcards are further subdivided by territory.

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**Container 1**

Algeria, 4 postcards

Argentina, 1 postcard

Australia, 3 postcards

Austria, 21 postcards

Belgium, 7 postcards

Brazil, 2 postcards

Canada

Alberta, 50 postcards; 1 souvenir booklet

British Columbia, 45 postcards; 1 souvenir booklet

Manitoba, 3 postcards

New Brunswick, 1 postcard

Nova Scotia, 2 postcards

Ontario, 77 postcards; 1 souvenir booklet; 1 packet of 10 photographs

Prince Edward Island, 1 postcard

Quebec, 6 postcards

Saskatchewan, 1 postcard

Yukon, 1 postcard

Miscellaneous, 8 postcards

Capri, 1 postcard

Cayman Islands, 1 postcard

China, 2 postcards

Costa Rica, 5 postcards

Cuba, 47 postcards

Denmark, 49 postcards

Ecuador, 2 postcards

Egypt, 1 postcard

El Salvador, 1 postcard

England, 87 postcards; 1 packet of 10 photographic reproductions; 1 packet of 9 photographs

Finland, 27 postcards; 1 packet of 10 photographs

France, 96 postcards; 1 packet of 25 photographs

Germany, 73 postcards

Greece, 36 postcards

Guatemala, 31 postcards

Haiti, 4 postcards

Honduras, 1 postcard

India, 1 postcard

**Container 2**

Indonesia, 1 postcard

Iran, 1 postcard

Ireland, 53 postcards

Israel, 5 postcards

Italy, 149 postcards

Jamaica, 6 postcards

Japan, 35 postcards; 1 souvenir booklet of postcards

Luxembourg, 2 postcards

Monaco, 2 postcards

Morocco, 2 postcards

Netherlands, 10 postcards

Nicaragua, 3 postcards

Norway, 128 postcards

Panama, 1 postcard

Peru, 4 postcards

Philippines, 1 postcard

Puerto Rico, 2 postcards

Portugal, 15 postcards

San Marino, 2 postcards

Scotland, 9 postcards

Serbia, 2 postcards

Spain, 137 postcards; 3 souvenir booklets of postcards

Sweden, 63 postcards

Switzerland, 23 postcards

Tahiti, 1 postcard

Tanzania, 1 postcard

Trinidad, 2 postcards; 1 souvenir booklet

Turkey, 15 postcards

United States, 5 postcards

Venezuela, 3 postcards

Wales, 19 postcards

Yugoslavia, 1 postcard